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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of
FIELDS *et al.*

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For: SYNTHETIC PEPTIDES
IMMUNOREACTIVE WITH HEPATITIS
A VIRUS ANTIBODIES

Group Art Unit: 1648

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued January 31, 2003, wherein restriction of the claims of the above-indicated application is required, Applicants provide the following amendment and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims.

44. (New Claim) A peptide immunoreactive with hepatitis A virus (HAV) antibodies wherein the peptide comprises amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID